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FAMINE IN STATES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where famine occurred during the last year and the estimated loss suffered due to the famine;

(b) the financial assistance and also the quantity of foodgrains provided by the Union Government to each State;

(c) whether all the States have distributed the foodgrains free of cost; and

(d) the value of crops of the farmers destroyed due to famine in Rajasthan during the last year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): During 2000-01, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat,Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa andRajasthan had reported drought situation of varying magnitude. One district in Uttaranchal had reported water scarcity conditions.

(b): State-wise details release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) during2000-01 & 2001-02, assistance released from the National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) and foodgrains provided free of cost under Food for Work Programme, todrought affected States, is indicated in the statement annexed.

(c): Distribution at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

(d): The Government of Rajasthan had estimated the value of crops damaged as Rs.35.12 crore.

Annexure

Famine in States and Financial assistance provided.

S.No.	State	Central share of CRF released from NCCF (Rs. in crore)	Assistance provided (lakh MTs)	Foodgrains
1.	Andhra Pradesh	226.53	-	3.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	42.23	58.94	5.07
3.	Gujarat	248.15	112.00	1.48
4.	Himachal Pradesh	66.85	18.98	0.12
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	26.18	23.20	-
6.	Madhya Pradesh	96.30	57.72	2.13
7	Maharashtra	241.70	-	0.50
8.	Orissa	168.31	49.62	1.50
9.	Rajasthan	318.26	113.97	7.40
10.	Uttaranchal	7.10	-	-